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PARIS FOR AMBASSADOR

E.O. 11652: XGDS

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SUBJ: EGYPTIAN AND SAUDI FOREIGN MINISTERS' TRIP

TO PARIS AND WASHINGTON

1. EGYPTIAN FONMIN FAHMI PHONED ME AT 1430 TO SAY THAT HE AND PARTY OF THREE EGYPTIANS AND SAUDI FONMIN SAQQAF AND PARTY OF TWO SAUDIS ARE LEAVING ALGIERS FOR WASHINGTON VIA PARIS AT 1500 TODAY ARRIVING PARIS 1800.

2. EGYPTIAN AND SAUDI MINISTERS WILL PROCEED TO WASHINGTON BY BEST POSSIBLE CONNECTIONS PROBABLY TOMORROW FEBRUARY 15. IN WASHINGTON THEY WISH TO MEET WITH SECRETARY AND PRESIDENT NIXON. I ASKED FAHMI WHETHER THEY WOULD HAVE GOOD NEWS AND HE REPLIED "YES" BUT GAVE NO DETAILS.

2. EGYPTIAN AMBASSADOR THEN CAME ON PHONE AND ASKED THAT WE NOTIFY OUR AMBASSADOR IN PARIS AND ASK HIM TO CONTACT EGYPTIAN AMBASSADOR PARIS OR RANKING EGYPTIAN AVAILABLE TO ASK THAT THEY OBTAIN OVERNIGHT HOTEL RESERVATIONS FOR EGYPTIAN

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AND SAUDI PARTIES. HE HAD NOT BEEN ABLE TO CONTACT

HIS AMBASSADOR. HE ASKED THAT FRENCH AUTHORITIES
NOT BE INFORMED (THOUGH THEY WILL PRESUMABLY KNOW
WHEN PARTY TRANSITS AIRPORT). EXACT ETA WASHINGTON
WILL BE PASSED THROUGH OUR EMBASSY PARIS.

3. MINI SUMMIT HAS ENDED. FAISAL LEFT ALGIERS
AT 1400.
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NOTE BY OC/T: NOT PASSED CAIRO.

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